

REMARKS

Submitted herewith is a terminal disclaimer over copending application Serial No. 10/044,660. Claims 27-31 are cancelled.

Rejections Under 35 USC § 112

Claims 17-19 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for lack of antecedent basis in Claim 17 for the term "said overlay". Applicant has amended Claim 17 to depend from Claim 16, thereby correcting this defect.

Rejections Under 35 USC § 103

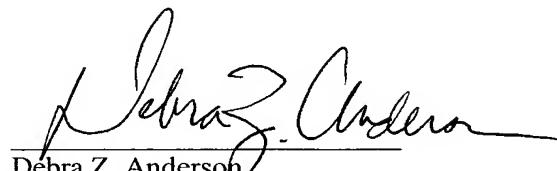
Claims 15-26 were provisionally rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Claims 1, 7-9, 15,17 and 20 of copending application Serial No. 10/044/660. Applicant files herewith a terminal disclaimer, which thus renders moot this basis of rejection.

Claims 27-31 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tatematsu et al. in view of Marazzani et al. (US 6,402,990). Claims 27-31 have been cancelled, thus rendering moot this basis of rejection.

Summary

As all outstanding issues have been addressed, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 15-31 are in condition for allowance; such action is respectfully requested at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,



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